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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Currently amended)** A valve for controlling fluids, comprising ~~a closing an actuating~~ element for closing and opening an opening, a restoring element for restoring the ~~closing~~ ~~actuating~~ element to its outset position, a movably disposed armature which is movable by means of an armature coil, said actuating element being connected to the armature, a valve insert for guiding the actuating element, a valve body having the opening which is closed and opened by the actuating element and a throttle restriction associated with the opening, the improvement comprising a multifunctional component which includes the function functions of [[a]] the valve insert, the valve body and the function of a throttle component in a single component integrally molded, one-piece component produced by means of a powder metallurgy process.

8. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 7, wherein that the multifunctional component further comprises the function of a check valve.

**Claim 9. (Canceled)**

**Claim 10. (Canceled)**

**11. (Currently amended)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim [[9]] 7, wherein the multifunctional component is produced by means of sintering.

**12. (Currently amended)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim [[10]] 8, wherein the multifunctional component is produced by means of sintering.

**13. (Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 7, wherein the valve is used in a hydraulic system in a vehicle.

**14. (Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 8, wherein the valve is used in a hydraulic system in a vehicle.

**Claim 15. (Canceled)**

**Claim 16. (Canceled)**

17. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 11, wherein the valve is used in a hydraulic system in a vehicle.

18. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 12, wherein the valve is used in a hydraulic system in a vehicle.

19. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 13, wherein the valve is used in a brake system and/or an electronic stability system and/or a traction control system.

20. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 14, wherein the valve is used in a brake system and/or an electronic stability system and/or a traction control system.

Claim 21. **(Canceled)**

Claim 22. **(Canceled)**

23. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 17, wherein the valve is used in a brake system and/or an electronic stability system and/or a traction control system.

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24. **(Previously presented)** The valve for controlling fluids in accordance with claim 18, wherein the valve is used in a brake system and/or an electronic stability system and/or a traction control system.